

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA

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DATE:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

TIME:

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza

300 J. Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

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1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Yang

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

J. Yang

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

J. Yang

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Yang

This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters **not** on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The Council will provide a public comment period, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.

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Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 13, 2013 Hilton Arden West, Sacramento

<u>Members</u>	Members Absent	Others Attending
<u>Present</u>		
Nancy Clyde	Thomas Forderer	Anastasia
Brian Gutierrez	(late)	Bacigalupo
Molly Kennedy	Kecia Weller	Nancy Dow
Kerstin Williams		Chris Arroyo
Jenny Yang		Sarah May
я		Angela Lewis
		Dena Hernandez
		Mark Polit
		Mary Agnes Nolan
		Roberta Newton
		Sherry Beamer
		Thomas Johnson
		Wavne Glusker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kerstin Williams, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

SAAC members and others attending introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. APROVAL OF July 16, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Clyde / Kennedy) and carried to approve the September 16, 2013 meeting minutes (one abstention, Gutierrez)

6. **SSAN REPORT**

Mary Agnes Nolan provided members with a report on the upcoming SSAN meeting scheduled for December 10 and 11, 2013. The meeting will include nominations and elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary; a training by Brian McDonald from the World Institute on Disability regarding Work and Benefits; R Word Training by Sigrid Bremer, and a Legislative Update by Mark Polit. Members were also informed that the self-advocacy grant was recently approved and Sherry Beamer and CAPC, Inc. staff will be proving support for future meetings.

After the SSAN report, it was moved/seconded (Yang/Kennedy) and carried to approve the motion that Item 8 of the agenda be discussed after Item 7.

8. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SAAC AND SSAN

Roberta Newton discussed the differences between SAAC and SSAN by comparing both committees' bylaws in order to explain the role and function of SSAN. Members were also provided a copy of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act 2000 SEC. 124 STATE PLAN. [42 USC 15024] and reference was made to section c.4.A.ii that states the Council include a goal to fund a State self-advocacy organization led by individuals with developmental disabilities.

There was a brief discussion as to how SAAC and SSAN are related to each other and their responsibilities; the history leading up to the creation of SSAN; the recently approved self advocacy grant contract; the Program Development Committee having a role in monitoring the progress of SSAN; and the future goal that SSAN will become its own entity.

7. PRIORITIES FOR RESTORING CUT SERVICES

Mark Polit provided an update to members about the priority goals to restoring cut services. He highlighted the

fact that California is not facing budget deficits and that California is seeing growth in new revenues.

Given that most of the substantive information was to be discussed in the Legislative Committee report at the full Council meeting, Polit briefly provided a discussion about a recent poll administered to Area Boards which asked them what priorities they felt to be the most important in the restoration of cuts and what they felt should be advocated for first.

The Lanterman Coalition conducted a poll of its member organization and identified their top priorities: (1) the elimination of rate freezes, (2) the closure of Developmental Centers, (3) changing registration rules for early start services, and (4) eliminating insurance co-pays for health therapies provided to individuals with a chronic developmental disability (e.g. Autism).

Thus, Polit informed the members and the LPPC will recommend that the Council adopt the following unranked priorities for restoration of service reductions: early start, family responsibility for insurance copays and deductibles for therapies, the suspended services, caps on respite hours, Medi-Cal optional benefits, and 8% cut in IHSS hours.

9. REPORT ON EFC MEETING PRESENTATION

Molly Kennedy provided a power point presentation on The Future of Sheltered Workshops in California and why SAAC should make the closure of Sheltered Workshops a top priority for SAAC advocacy efforts. This presentation was presented at the previous Employment First Committee.

Molly defined what sheltered workshops are; provided information on their history; their use of the sub-minimum wage; and their negative impact on the employment and self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities; Molly gave information on the current perspectives and outcomes of Sheltered Workshops and the actions that other state legislatures are taking to close them permanently.

In order to provide information and initiate an open discussion on Sheltered Workshops at the December 17th Employment First Meeting, Molly offered to conduct more research regarding the various strategies and policies that other state legislatures and agencies have enacted to close their sheltered workshops and eliminate the subminimum wage. Members agreed to explore the issue further.

10. SSAN REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION

Molly Kennedy nominated Brian Gutierrez to become the next SSAN representative for SAAC. (All in favor)

11. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET

Roberta Newton reviewed the November 14, 2013, Council Packet with the members.

12. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No topics were noted for future discussion.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Kerstin Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.



STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING

REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 and Wednesday, December 11, 2013

DAY 2- Wednesday, December 11, 2013 DAY 1- Tuesday, December 10, 2013

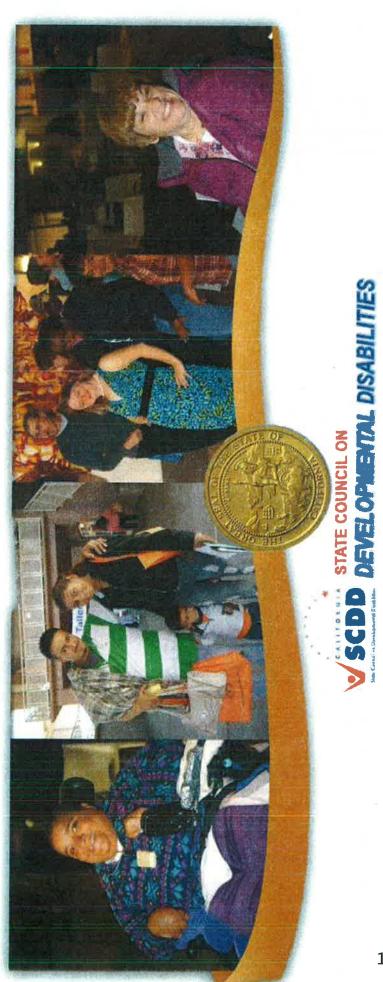


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New Officers Elected S.S.A.N. ELECTIONS

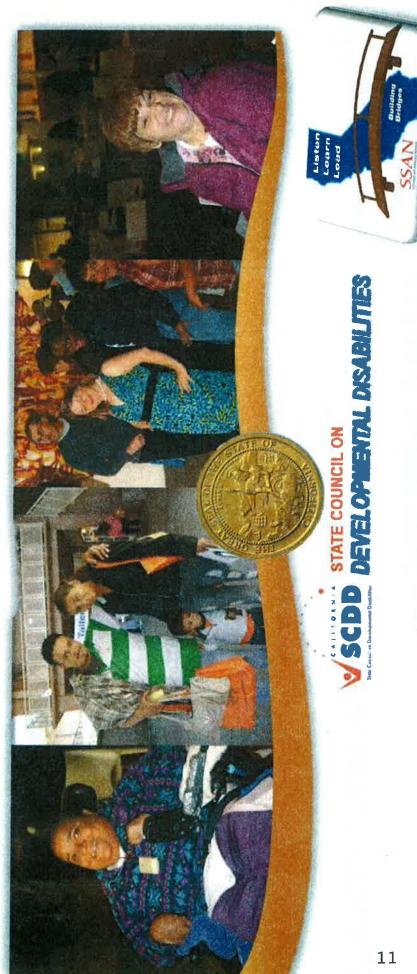




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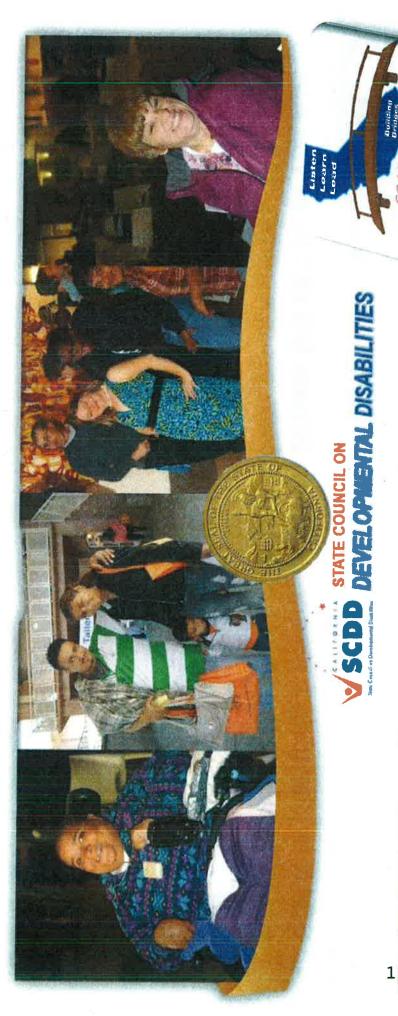
Chair - Daniel Meadows

Secretary - Nicole Patterson



Legislative Update:

- SSAN is planning a presentation on Senate Bill 663 from The Arc of California at the March meeting.
- Employment First campaign will be discussed at the March meeting.



PRESENTATION ON OPPORTUNITIES AND GOAL SETTING:

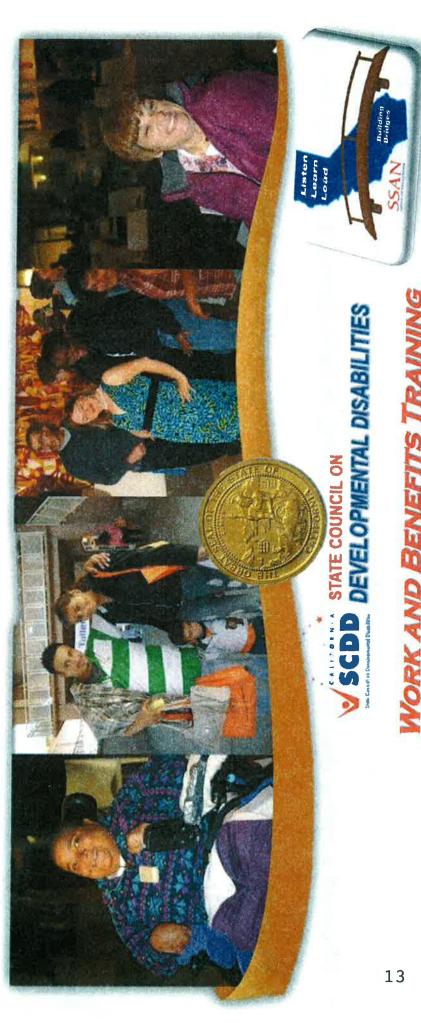
Stacey Milburn Project Coordinator

Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy

- Stacey provided technical assistance to the S.S.A.N. on goal setting
- Strategic planning for the Future S.S.A.N. at the March meeting with Self Advocacy contractor C.A.P.C. will build on this session.



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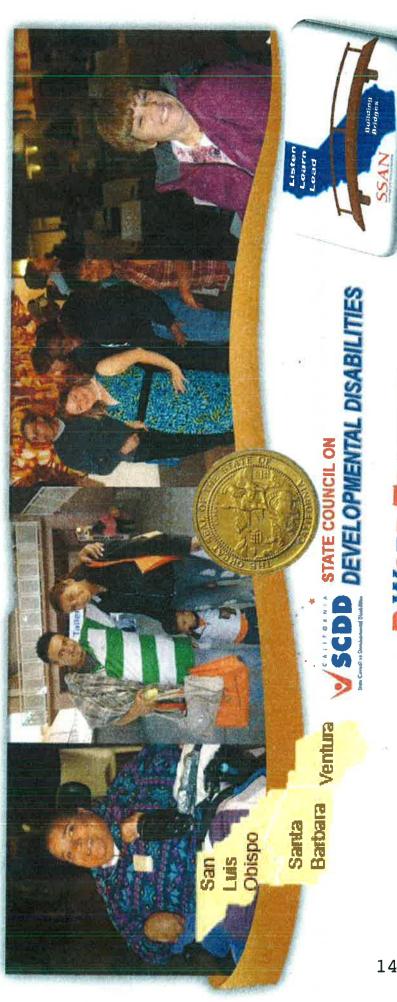


WORK AND BENEFITS TRAINING

understand how public benefits are effected by work so that more people will The main point was for people with disabilities to use tools and services to

increase their quality of life through employment.

DINSTITUTE "DISABILITY **Bryon Macdonald Program Director**



R WORD TRAINING

Showed a video that is being used for training in development with The Arc of Ventura County on the R word. After the training package is developed Sigrid

will make it available to SSAN members.





PRESENTATION CONCLUDED:



Questions?

Thank you!



"By Working Together and Believing The Impossible Is Always Possible"...

-Brian A. Gutierrez

S.C.D.D. State Councilmember



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